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SUBJECT: QADHAFI CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL ARAB AMBASSADORS FROM
DAMASCUS

1. LARG RCC CHAIRMAN COL QADHAFI JULY 12 CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ARAB AMBASSADORS FROM DAMASCUS. REQUEST STATED IN CABLE SENT TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT.

2. QADHAFI STATED HE MADE REQUEST BECAUSE OF SYRIAN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN LEBANESE RIGHT SHELLING AND LAYING SIEGE TO ISLAMIC AREAS AND PREVENTION OF ARRIVAL MEDICINE AND SUPPLIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THESE AREAS. QADHAFI INDICATED BREAK WAS LEAST ARAB STATES COULD DO TO PROTEST SYRIAN ROLE. AMBASSADORS REPORTEDLY WOULD RETURN WHEN SYRIA WITHDREW ITS FORCES AND THE "HORRIBLE MASSACRES" CEASED. QADHAFI INDICATED TO SADAT WITHDRAWAL WAS NOT REQUEST TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, BUT MINIMUM JOINT ACTION TO REVERSE SYRIAN ROLE.

COMMENT: QADHAFI'S CABLE REFLECTS DEGREE OF HIS GENERAL DISILLUSIONMENT WITH SYRIA, BUT CABLE
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PROBABLY PROMPTED BY REFUSAL FOF SYRIAN

AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW "MEDICAL" SUPPLIES TO BE
FLOWN INTO LEBANON FROM LIBYA. QADHAFI'S ANNOYANCE
WITH SYRIANS ALSO REFLECT REPORTS FOF PM JALLUD WHO
HAS PPUBLICLY EXPRESSED DOUBTS CONCERNING SYRIAN WITH-
DRAWAL FROM LEBANON AND HAS ACCUSED SYRIA OF PREFERRING
"RIYADH AXIS" TO REJECTIONISTS' FRONT. QADHAFI'S
CHAGRIN LOOMS EVEN GREATER SINCE SYRIA WAS KINGPIN
OF HIS PLANS FOR FORMING UNIFIED REJECTIONIST FRONT.
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